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## Flu fear stops kissing Italians

**OUTBREAK** Fear of H1N1 flu will stop devout Neapolitans from performing the time-honoured ritual of kissing the blood of their patron Saint Gennaro when the city's annual festival begins later this month.

The decision to forbid kissing of the glass vial containing the saint's blood was taken reluctantly by ecclesiastical and city authorities Monday, and has brought protests from local politicians.

The vial will be put on display in the city's cathedral for a week from September 19 and the faithful will be allowed to touch it only with their foreheads.

Marco Di Lello, national co-ordinator of the Socialist Party, said the ban would "fuel the psychosis (over flu) which risks becoming unstoppable," and appealed to the archbishop of Naples to try to have the ban revoked.

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## Beatles to be born again

**News on the Move**

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## Shinerama Charity polish



University of Ottawa students Elizabeth Craxford, Leslie Brown, Emily Medd and Caroline O'Keefe, clockwise from left, pump up the energy for Shinerama at the corner of Albert and Metcalfe streets yesterday. Hundreds of university students started the school year with the annual philanthropic tradition. Story, page 3.

# New year, new debt

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**This week, thousands of post-secondary students signing up for an Ontario student loan in Ottawa will join more than a quarter million others who collectively owe the province close to \$1 billion.**

As of March 31, 2008, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities count-

ed 308,293 people repaying loans to OSAP.

In 2006, the combined debt owed to the province was estimated at around \$1.7 billion. The MCTU is reporting the total debt for Ontario students was down to \$890 million as of March 2008.

However, Katherine Giroux-Bougard, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students based in Ottawa, said there is growing trend towards students relying on

borrowed money to pay their way through school.

The CFS estimates total debt from students nationally to the feds is more than \$13 billion. "That has negative repercussions both for students who are attending post-secondary education and after they attend," said Giroux-Bougard.

"Research shows that the more debt a student has, the less likely they are to actually finish their degree."

During the school-year ending 2008, students attending the University of Ottawa borrowed \$58.2 million from the Ontario Student Loan and Canada Student Loan program. Students at Carleton University borrowed \$40.2 million and students at Algonquin College borrowed \$33.4 million.

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## World fell apart for kidnapped diplomat

A former Canadian diplomat who endured four rough months in captivity after a gut-wrenching roadside kidnapping in Niger initially put his odds of surviving the ordeal at about five per cent.

In an interview with the CBC broadcast The National yesterday, Robert Fowler described the disconcerting moment he learned his captors were al-Qaida.

"The bottom of my world fell out," Fowler said.

The now-retired diplomat said he believed someone in the government of Niger or possibly with the United Nations had "shopped" him to the terrorist group.

"It could be the government of Niger; could be an al-Qaida sympathizer in the UN office in Niger, in the UN office in West Africa, in the secretariat building in New York," Fowler said.

Only the government and UN knew his itinerary, the diplomat said.

The UN special envoy to Niger and his aide Louis Guay were taken at gunpoint last Dec. 14 while driving on a main road about 40 kilometres northwest of the capital, Niamey. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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## Enforcement officers labour on weekend

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### News in brief

**JOBS** This fall, Ottawa job seekers may have a tougher time finding employment than at the same time last year, a Manpower Employment Outlook Survey stated yesterday. While 18 per cent of employers plan to hire between October and December, 13 per cent anticipate cut-backs. The net employment outlook of five per cent is a decrease from seven per cent in the previous quarter.

**CHARGES** Police charged a city man and a young offender after two people armed with a screwdriver robbed a 26-year-old man Monday. Two males each face one count of robbery and assault with a weapon.

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## Deserter seeks refugee status

Woman says she was persecuted in U.S. army for being lesbian

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**A U.S. army deserter should be allowed to remain in Canada as a refugee, her lawyer argued to the Federal Court here yesterday.**

Two years ago today, Bethany Smith came into Canada to avoid persecution after leaving the U.S. army. Smith left the army after she was "harshly mistreated and physically abused for being an out lesbian," she said. "I was facing harassment and death threats because of my sexual orientation."

After her request for a discharge was denied, she came to Canada to escape what she describes as "daily humiliations" and "constant threats of physical violence."

Because she left the U.S. army while the country was in a status of war, she became a deserter in the time of war.

Now a 21-year-old claimant refugee, Smith, who is originally from Texas, is hoping to get refugee status and eventually, a Canadian citizenship.

"She faced harassment and death threats from members of her base," said

Smith's lawyer, Jamie Liew. "Her human rights would be violated if she returned to the base."

While the Immigration Refugee Board (IRB) rejected her refugee claim last November, a Federal Court judge is reviewing the decision to see if it is reasonable or not, Liew said.

If the judge finds the IRB's ruling to be reasonable, Smith will have to look at other options to remain in Canada, and possibly take the case to the Federal Court of Appeal.

Smith believes there is no way she can safely return to the U.S., where she said she will face further persecution or jail time for charges of desertion and absence without leave.

While other U.S. deserters were rejected refugee status, Smith said she "hopes to be the first."

While Smith's appeal hearing is seen by supporters as an opportunity



Bethany Smith speaks to the media outside the Trial Division of the Federal Court yesterday. Smith, who arrived in Ottawa two years ago after leaving the U.S. army, is hoping to get refugee status to avoid persecution back in the United States.

to uphold Canada's commitment to civil liberties and freedom of expression, to Smith, it's a way

for her to stay in the country she loves.

"I'm so happy in Canada, I feel accepted here," she said.

## Fundraising tradition continues to shine

Students and school curriculum change, but traditions remain, as hundreds of University of Ottawa students took to downtown streets yesterday to raise money for Shinerama.

Enthusiastic students crowded street corners, offering, in some cases, stunts and activities in exchange for donations in support of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation.

Pedestrians had the opportunities to throw pies at students, duct-tape undergrads to utility poles, and, in the cases of Elizabeth Craxford, Leslie Brown, Emily Medd and Caroline O'Keefe, enjoy a dance performance.

"It's important to raise awareness and money for a disease that affects young

people," said O'Keefe.

"It's good to reach out to the greater community," added Brown.

Canada's largest post-secondary fundraiser, Shinerama has participants at 65 university and college campuses across Canada, including Carleton University. Last fall, the Carleton University Students Association controversially pulled out

of the annual fundraiser, stating that they wanted fundraising efforts to serve a more diverse community. The decision was later reversed.

Students have raised more than \$19.5 million to support the fight against cystic fibrosis since the campaign began as a shoeshine event in 1964.

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## W. Kanata developers could face five-week delay

**PLANNING** New construction in west Kanata could be halted for the next five weeks.

The city's planning committee voted to block building from proceeding on all lands drained by the Carp River until modelling for water levels in the river can be run with data taking into account the July 24 storm, when 160 mm of rain fell in Kanata.

The water had overwhelmed the sewer system and resulted in more than 1,200 homes being flooded. This was the third flood in the past 15 years for many of the affected areas.

A report with the new data would be ready in time for the Oct. 13 planning committee meeting.

While developers and people waiting to move into the area may be upset about the delay, Kanata South Coun. Peggy Feltmate said they must understand that the city has a responsibility to the residents that currently live in the communities.

"The first step, from now until the middle of October, is to give reassurance and understanding and allow for my constituents to be able to gain a sense of safety within their own home," she said.

The five-week moratorium would affect around 100 buildings in Kanata, said Mike Wildman, manager of development review-suburban services with the city.

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# Canada/World



Democracy Watch co-ordinator Duff Conacher waits for proceedings to begin in Federal Court in Ottawa yesterday. Democracy Watch says the prime minister broke his own fixed-date election law when he asked the government to dissolve Parliament last September.

## Lawyers square off over election legality

Group argues PM broke his own fixed-date vote law

**Lawyers are squaring off in Federal Court over whether Stephen Harper's early election call exactly one year ago was illegal.**

The watchdog group Democracy Watch says the prime minister broke his own fixed-date election law when he asked the Governor General to dissolve Parliament last September.

Harper's fixed-date election law, passed in 2007, had set next month for the next federal vote — unless opposition MPs voted non-confidence in the government.

Government lawyers are relying on arguments that the fixed-date law does not restrict the prime minister from asking the Governor General to dissolve Parliament, as Harper did last

### The stakes

- If Democracy Watch wins, Conacher says his group will consider launching a class-action effort to recoup the \$350 million taxpayers spent on the last vote. It will also push for legislation creating a 30- to 60-day "cooling off" period to allow all parties to prepare for campaigns.

year.

Democracy Watch wants a clear court ruling that what Harper did was illegal.

"It was exactly the mischief the bill was designed to stop," lawyer Peter Rosenthal, representing Democracy Watch, told Justice Michael Shore.

Democracy Watch says

there was no reason for Harper to force last year's vote — other than his hunch that he could win a majority government.

He did not, and his minority government faces growing opposition pressure to face yet another fall election — the fourth in five years.

It could be several days or weeks before the judge rules after the full-day hearing.

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### News in brief

**QUEBEC** Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe says he's convinced Canadians are headed to the polls this fall. The Bloc is already planning a blast at Liberals and Tories.

**FLQ** A federal agency says it will give the green light to an event on the Plains of Abraham despite controversy over reading a terrorist manifesto. The National Battlefields Commission said it will allow the event to proceed despite the controversy involving the Front de libération du Québec.

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## Provincial opposition cries eHealth coverup

**POLITICS** The opposition parties accused the Ontario government of a deliberate coverup Tuesday after the Liberals used their majority to block Conservative and NDP attempts to force top brass from eHealth Ontario to appear before a legislative committee.

The Liberals on the Committee on Government Agencies out-voted the op-

position parties without offering an explanation, but they obviously don't want to deliver the accountability they've been promising, charged NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

"It stinks of a coverup," Horwath said after the Committee on Government Agencies voted down the idea of forcing eHealth executives to testify.

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## Yale nixes Prophet cartoons

**CONTROVERSY** Yale University has removed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad from an upcoming book about how they caused outrage across the Muslim world, drawing criticism from prominent alumni and a national group of university professors.

Yale cited fears of violence. Yale University Press, which the university owns, removed the 12 caricatures from the book *The Cartoons That Shook the World* by Brandeis University professor Jytte Klausen. The book is scheduled to be released next week.

A Danish newspaper originally published the cartoons — including one de-

picting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban — in 2005. Other Western publications reprinted them. The following year, the cartoons triggered massive protests from Morocco to Indonesia.

Islamic law generally opposes any depiction of the prophet, even favourable, for fear it could lead to idolatry.

"I think it's horrifying that the campus of Nathan Hale has become the first place where America surrenders to this kind of fear because of what extremists might possibly do," said Michael Steinberg, an attorney and Yale graduate.

Steinberg was among 25

alumni who signed a protest letter sent Friday to Yale Alumni Magazine that urged the university to restore the drawings to the book. Other signers included John Bolton, a former U.S. ambassador to the UN, former Bush administration speechwriter David Frum and Seth Corey, a liberal doctor.

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## 'Clear and convincing evidence of fraud' in Afghan election

**AFGHANISTAN** A UN-backed commission yesterday ordered a recount of tainted ballots from the Afghan presidential vote, saying it had "convincing evidence of fraud," even as President Hamid Karzai for the first time surpassed the threshold needed to avoid a run-off and win re-election.

Doubts are growing about the Aug. 20 election's credibility, a key step in NATO efforts to strengthen the Afghan government and bolster declining support for the almost eight-year war against a spreading Taliban insurgency.

The UN-backed Electoral Complaints Commission,



Karzai

an independent body with the power to investigate and nullify fraudulent votes, ordered a recount at polling stations where it had found "clear and convincing evidence of fraud."

That means that Karzai could still have votes taken away from him. More than 720 major fraud charges have been lodged with the complaints commission.

With results in from almost 92 per cent of the country's polling sites, Karzai has 54.1 per cent of

the votes, pushing him over the threshold that would allow him to declare victory outright and avoid a run-off with his main challenger, Abdullah Abdullah.

Grant Kippen, a Canadian and the chairman of the Electoral Complaints Commission, said the irregularities found include ballots not being folded — meaning they would not fit in a ballot box slot — identically marked ballots and overly large counts at polling stations.

Kippen said he saw a ballot box with 1,700 ballots in Kandahar, even though the maximum should be 600.

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## Woman released from jail — against her will

**SUDAN** A woman journalist convicted of public indecency for wearing trousers outdoors was freed yesterday, despite her own desire to serve a month in prison as protest against Sudan's draconian morality laws.

The judge who convicted Lubna Hussein had imposed a \$200 fine as her sentence, avoiding the maximum sentence of 40 lashes in an apparent attempt to put an end to a case that had raised international criticism of Sudan.

But Hussein refused to pay the fine, which would have meant a month's imprisonment.

She said that she was freed yesterday after the

**"Maybe they were unnerved by my presence in prison."**  
Lubna Hussein

fine was paid without her knowledge by the Journalist Union, which is headed by a member of the ruling party.

She suspects that the authorities don't want her to spend any time in the prison, where she said at least 800 women are serving time, many of them convicted under the indecency law.

"I wanted to make reports from inside the prison. Maybe they were unnerved by my presence in prison," she said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Lubna Hussein, wearing the trousers that caused her arrest, arrives at court Monday.



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# Common sense dulled once again

### TheWestView



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One of the hazards of being in the news business is you encounter so much preposterousness you never know whether to laugh or cry.

For example, Scouting, the official voice for the

Boy Scouts in Britain, has advised scouts to stop carrying Boy Scout knives.

This is to prevent the spread of what Scouting calls "a growing knife culture in the U.K."

In response to the outcry, a Scout spokesperson left little doubt they were serious: "Scouting helps to prepare young people with valuable life skills, while keeping them safe by not carrying knives."

Wait a minute. The Boy Scout motto is: "Be Prepared." How are they supposed to be prepared to cut kindling, peel potatoes,

open cans or other important Boy Scout stuff if they take away their Boy Scout knives?

When I think of the endless hours I spent as a Cub tying all those stupid reef knots and playing dodge ball in church basements so I could step up to Scouts and my own official Boy Scout knife, I feel the need to both laugh and cry.

Laugh because the idea of camping without tools or depending on the pack adult to pass out knives at the appropriate moment makes a mockery out of the self-reliance required to be

a scout. Either give the little blighters the knowledge and skill required to become good scouts, or keep them at home and give out badges for ordering pizza.

Cry because in an attempt to remove life's sharp edges, we're putting our boys in a bubble, and boys are suffering for it. Indeed, there is a thin line between savagery and civilization, but there is also one between civilization and demoralization, and somehow we have to civilize boys without turning them into ciphers.

I hasten to add that girls

are just as disadvantaged by the ban, as girls need to be just as prepared as boys. What's next? Confiscate all the needles from the sewing kits? No tent pegs?

And in case you were thinking Boy Scouts are anachronisms in the Age of Taking the 4-Wheel Drive to the Mall, last year there was a waiting list of 32,000 in the U.K. alone. Maybe kids are tired of Tweeting.

This knife thing is really disturbing because it comes out of the England, home of the father of Scouting, Lord Baden Powell. Just in case you were

wondering what old BP thought about it, here's his take, right out of the Boy Scout manual:

"Be Prepared ... a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practising how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise." And: "The boy is not governed by don't, but is led by do."

So ... DYB! DYB DYB! (Do Your Best!)

Get the point?

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## Word on the street: How do you feel about the prospects of a fall federal election?

### Brooke Cameron

age 20, uOttawa student from Halifax

A: The current government is rocking. We don't need another election because it would be a big waste of time and money.



### Alex Schecter

age 33, Ottawa

A: Nothing is going to change. I think Canadians have been through enough elections where nothing has changed. I think we're probably getting a little tired of the process and tired of wasting money.



### April Hope

age 40, Ottawa

A: It's a horrible idea. With the economic instability that we're in, an election will push that even further. We need the stability of government.



### Rich Elvers

age 40, Calgary

A: I don't really like the idea of it because there's been so many in the last few years. And it doesn't really seem like it's making much of a difference.



### Anne Melanson

age 44, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: A federal election in this country is becoming a bit of an annual event. If it leads to a majority government either way and we can move forward with some serious agendas, then I'm all for it.



### Jim Kiem

age 47, Vancouver

A: It's pretty quick for a fall election. It's a 50-50 thing on whether we should go back for another election ... but maybe we should see if we can have a majority government.



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## C\$ heads for parity again

The Canadian dollar's apparently relentless climb back to parity with the U.S. dollar is leading to speculation that the Bank of Canada may be considering doing more than talk about the dangers of a strong loonie.

The loonie has appreciated more than two cents in the past few trading days and many are projecting it could attain parity by the end of the year. It closed at 92.64 cents US yesterday, after briefly hitting 93.44.

While that may sound good to snowbirds contemplating a trip south in a few months, bank governor Mark Carney has warned such a move puts the strength of the economic

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recovery in jeopardy.

Most observers fully expect Carney to once again hector about the dollar's inflated value at tomorrow's policy announcement. However, economists caution the central bank risks losing credibility if it keeps warning about action, without following through. Few think Carney should or will intervene at this point. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Telus takes over Black's stores

**WIRELESS** Telus Corp. is acquiring Black's Photo for \$28 million, joining rival Bell Canada in bulking up its retail presence in advance of the arrival of new competitors for wireless customers next year.

Some time before the holiday shopping season, Black's stores will begin selling Telus wireless products and services at 113 locations across the country, with a particular strength in Ontario.

Chief financial officer Robert McFarlane said yesterday Telus needs to increase its distribution in the most populous pro-

### Bell's buyout

The Telus announcement follows a similar move by Bell Canada to buy 750 The Source electronics stores in March after Circuit City, its American parent, went bankrupt in the U.S.

vince and Black's is a "perfect fit."

Telus acquired Black's from the privately owned ReichmannHauer Capital Partners, which had purchased the chain in October 2007 for an undisclosed price.

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### Business in brief

**METALS** Gold prices rose above \$1,000 US per ounce yesterday to its highest since March 2008, suggesting investors are wary of the U.S. dollar's weakness and expect international

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# Sports

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## Coyote bidder bails

Ice Edge drops out, leaving Balsillie, NHL in hunt

**The Phoenix Coyotes appear to have one less potential buyer.**

Ice Edge Holdings, a group made up of Canadian and American businessmen, no longer intends to participate in tomorrow's auction for the bankrupt NHL team, according to a court filing yesterday from NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman.

Ice Edge had initially said it would spend up to

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\$150 million US to buy the team and keep it in Arizona, provided the group could work out a new lease arrangement with the city

of Glendale.

If Ice Edge does not submit a bid, the field of buyers would narrow to Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie and the NHL.

Balsillie has the highest bid, as much as \$242.5 million US, and is contingent on moving the team to Hamilton.

The NHL bid \$140 million US to buy the team and keep it in Glendale.

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## Beckham eyeing Montreal MLS team?

**SOCCER** David Beckham's interest in owning a piece of Major League Soccer could lead him to Montreal, according to a report.

The England star, who plays for the Los Angeles Galaxy, has previously confirmed he has an option to get into ownership. Now a report says Montreal could be a fit. The New York Times, citing a source with "knowledge of Beckham's planning," says Beckham and his management team are interested in partnering with Montreal Impact owner Joey Saputo in an MLS franchise in Montreal.

The Impact, which plays in the USL First Division, had looked at an expansion MLS franchise but balked at the \$40 million US price tag. The franchise fee was later dropped to \$35 million US.

The Times says Beckham's MLS contract includes a clause that enables him to operate a team, or part of a team as early as the 2012 season.

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## U.S. Open Murray gone



Andy Murray reacts after losing a point to Marin Cilic during the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York yesterday. Murray, ranked No. 2, was ousted by No. 16 Cilic, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2. "I just struggled today. I played poorly," Murray said.

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### Sports in brief

**TRACK** The results of Caster Semenya's gender verification tests are due to arrive at the IAAF any day, but the outcome is unlikely to see the world 800-metre champion stripped of her gold medal. Doubts about the South African's gender surfaced at the world athletics championships last month in Berlin when it emerged the tests were being conducted.

**HOCKEY** Jonathan Roy, the son of NHL hockey legend Patrick Roy, will stand trial next month and face assault charges for the on-ice beating he delivered to an opposing goalie in Quebec's major junior league. Roy had been trying to get the case tossed out. That motion was rejected yesterday by Quebec court judge Valmont Beaulieu.

**NFL** Speaking to a group of

high school students, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick offered himself up as a cautionary tale of the dangers of peer pressure. Vick spoke to a rapt audience of 200 freshmen on their first day at Nueva Esperanza Academy, a North Philadelphia charter school. He urged students to make the right choices and to resist the urge to follow the crowd.

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For the month of September, Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the extremely lucrative and soon to be booming employment sector of skilled trades. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

# Workology

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## French fight in Quebec

Former Quebec premier Bernard Landry believes the province should impose French-only college education on the children of immigrants. Landry says it's time to apply Bill 101, launched in 1977 with the goal of protecting the French language in Quebec, to the province's CÉGEPs to ensure immigrant youth are fully integrated as francophones.

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# Working with your hands

Skilled trades offer great compensation and are in demand

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Despite many common misconceptions, careers in the skilled trades for electricians, welders, crane operators and scores of other trades people are lucrative, in demand and provide some of the steadiest and most satisfying employment available.

While the recent recession has impacted all levels of industry throughout the country, George Gritzotis, executive director of the Construction Sector Coun-

cil, says the construction industry managed more of a soft landing as a result of almost \$10 billion in government stimulus money and an unprecedented construction boom from 1996-2008, which saw employment hit a record of 1.2 million workers Canada-wide.

"Parts of the country went from overheated and super busy down to just being busy, so the downturn for us wasn't as dramatic as it could have been," he said.

Careers in the skilled trades usually begin

with an apprenticeship that lasts five years, followed by graduation to journeyman status for full employment prospects. The ongoing shortage of skilled-trade workers across Canada is so pronounced, Gritzotis says, that before the current recession employers were hiring students before they even finished



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ished their full apprenticeships.

With a shift from the private sector towards government-funded building construction projects such as roads, bridges, hospitals and schools, careers in skilled trades are likely to enjoy a strong foundation.

"For 2010 we're seeing a shift from private sector construction towards more in the public sector and that is good news if you're somebody coming into the industry because many of those public sector projects are long-term projects," Gritzotis said.

Despite the positive employment prospects for skilled-trades careers however, the future looks troubling for employers because Gritzotis says fewer people are going into the skilled trades than are retiring every year.

Skills Canada polls have shown that 60 per cent of young people say their parents have not encouraged them to consider a career in trades.

"The thing that doesn't change is demographics. How many parents look at a career in construction or trades as being a career that continues? The truth is it's not just a job to save up money to go into something else. There is a real career and a career path out there," he said.

A recent Construction Sector Council study estimates roughly 20 per cent of skilled-trades workers will retire by 2017 leading to a need for 300,000 new workers to fill the needs of the industry within that same time period.

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## Workology in brief

**RETIREMENT ON HOLD** According to a recent study by the Bank of Montreal Retirement Institute, many Canadian boomers are being forced to put their retirement on hold due to the recent global economic downturn in order to supplement their retirement income. Many boomers apparently have a retirement dream, but not a detailed plan on how to achieve their goals. Therefore, experts suggest boomers obtain professional advice on their finances in order to fully understand their income versus their expenses in retirement. Many people may be surprised to find out that they don't have to work for as many more years as they thought.

**YOUTH FUSION** A new program by the non-profit group Youth Fusion aims to prevent Montreal high school students in disadvantaged areas from dropping out of school. As part of the program, two dozen Montreal university students will spend 15 hours a week at six local high schools over the next year, implementing extra-curricular projects such as a young entrepreneurs club, an elaborate talent show, a school newspaper and a science fair aimed at motivating

students to stay in school. Youth Fusion has amassed \$230,000 in funding for the project, which they hope to continue expanding.

**\$\$ INFUSION FOR LAKEHEAD**

The federal government announced last Friday \$13 million from the Knowledge Infrastructure Program for the construction of a new multi-use academic building at Lakehead University's Orillia campus. The facility will allow the university to offer more academic programs in the arts and sciences, environmental studies, business administration, and social work.

**NEW JOBS?** According to report released on Sept. 4 by Statistics Canada, Canada's economy unexpectedly created 27,100 jobs in August. Although all the jobs were part-time in the retail, wholesale, construction, finance and real estate sectors, it helped boost the Canadian dollar up eight-tenths of a cent to 91.44 cents US. Many leading economists say this data is a positive sign that economic recovery has started. However, there were still 15,000 job losses in Canada in August, while the number was much greater south of border, at 200,000 job

losses. The main full-time job losses occurred in manufacturing and education.

**NOT FOR STUDENTS, THOUGH**

According to new Statistics Canada figures, last month's unemployment rate for students aged 15 to 24 rose 5 per cent from August 2008 to 16.4 per cent, the highest August level since comparable data became available in 1977. The average unemployment rate for this summer was 19.2 per cent, the second highest rate since 1977. The average number of hours worked during the summer by students was 23.4 hours a week, the lowest in 32 years. Last month, employment was down 9.5 per cent among students compared to August 2008, the fastest year-over-year rate of decline for August since 1983.

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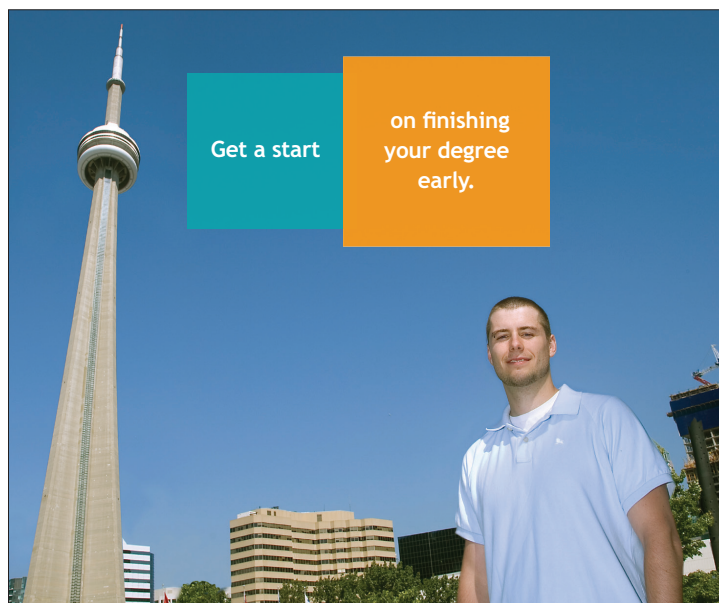
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## All about sconces

New light fixtures can make rooms look bigger

**In this economy, few people can afford to knock down walls or put an addition on their homes. However, for considerably less money, any room can appear larger and look better with one or two strategically placed sconces.**

"As consumers move from buying new houses to remodelling their existing homes, wall sconces can be an attractive answer to consumers' lighting needs," says Simone Racine, creative director of Justice Design Group, a California-based lighting manufacturer.

Sconces are lighting fixtures that are mounted to a wall and provide subtle illumination and a warm ambiance. "Sconces bring human scale to a room and finish the space," notes Joe Rey-Barreau AIA, IES, CSI, architect, educational consultant for the American Lighting Association (ALA) and professor of interior design at the University of Kentucky.

When many people think of this type of lighting, the first image that may come to mind is a hotel hallway, yet sconces are gaining popularity in sophisticated residences all over the country.

Brad Kleinberg, the president of Crystorama Lighting Group, a New York-based lighting manufacturer, believes young admirers of the category are drawn to styles inspired by their favourite luxury resorts, hotels and restaurants.

"They want what they've seen in Vegas, but scaled down to a residential size," he says, noting that styles run the gamut from ornate, splashy looks to cleaner lines with a contemporary feel.

"An upstairs hallway is an excellent application for wall sconces," Rey-Barreau states. "In fact, ADA-compliant models, which are required for commercial installations, are a



Wall sconces can expand the look of a space while creating a point of interest, designers say.

great choice for homes because they do not extend out from the wall very much. They create a nice, repetitive pattern down a hallway."

He advises putting the lighting on a dimmer control where one can use a lower light level to create ambience, and placing fixtures every eight feet for balanced illumination.

"Customers have discovered how useful and beautiful wall sconces can be in almost any room," says Raymond Christensen, an ALA-certified lighting specialist, designer, and owner of Ray Lighting + Design Studios LLC in Hartford, Conn. Another unique quality is their ability to

expand the look of a space. "Instead of dark corners, which occur when you only have a centre light, sconces can illuminate those areas," he says.

"I also find that many of my customers do not like a lot of recessed lighting. They want softer lighting that can create a mood — and sconces are much more effective at that than recessed, even if they are dimmed," he says.

Recessed fixtures send light in only one direction, generating strong shadows. Sconces send illumination in many directions, using the wall as a reflector to project light into the room and create warm shadows.



### Save space

Replacing your standalone range with a wall oven and counter cooktop could free up your kitchen floors for additional storage. Mounting smaller appliances such as microwaves and coffeemakers under cabinets is another space-saving solution. HGTV.CA



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tricians and architects — who want to use only one or two recessed lights over the sink," Christensen says.

Instead of the harsh shadows generated from recessed fixtures, a sconce on either side of the mirror provides direct light on the face, making grooming tasks easier.

What's the best bulb type for a sconce? The answer depends on how you'll be using the fixture. Rey-Barreau points out that only incandescent can be easily and reliably dimmed. If the sconce will be in an area where changing the bulb is difficult, it's best to opt for fluorescent.

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# 5 ways to winterize your home

**Canadian winters can be cold and unpredictable, so there's every reason to winterize your home before the cold season starts.**

With the long periods of time that you and your family will be spending indoors, it's important that your home is both warm and comfortable throughout the season.

Here are five ways to help create a home that will keep your family warm and cosy this winter, as well as help save on winter's rising energy costs:

## 1 Use your fireplace.

Warm up cold rooms quickly by preparing to use your fireplace this winter.

Warming up rooms using your fireplace means less work for your heater to warm the space.

## 2 Insulate floors over cold spaces.

Having cold feet? There may not be enough insulation under your home's floors above cold spaces. Consider installing insulation in floors over un-insulated areas. PINK FIBERGLAS insulation provides excellent thermal performance and can also be used to insulate the walls of other cold rooms such as the basement, crawlspace and garage.

## 3 Replace old furnaces with more efficient models.

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Re-insulating your attic can help slow the amount of heat rising and escaping from the top of your home.

er models operate more efficiently to help heat your home quickly, think about the impact this can have on your energy bills.

## 4 Seal air leaks.

Cold air can enter through the exterior of your house. So it's important to caulk, seal and weather-strip around all seams, cracks and openings. You can also reduce drafts from the inside by caulking, sealing and

weather-stripping around windows and door frames, and near electrical boxes and plumbing penetrations.

## 5 Re-insulate your attic.

Top up the amount of insulation you have in your attic to at least 15 inches — or R-50 — and help slow the amount of heat rising and escaping from the top of your home. All you need is one weekend to lay down enough

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And, even the government is willing to pitch in when you re-insulate your attic. Until Feb. 1, 2010, you can qualify for the Home Renovation Tax Credit (HRTC), a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$1,350 or 15 per cent of your renovation costs. The

ecoENERGY Retrofit program also offers up to \$750 in grants and provincial matching programs are also available in select provinces.

For more on the ecoENERGY Retrofit program, visit [oee.nrcan.gc.ca](http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca) and for step-by-step instructions on how to re-insulate your attic to help winterize your home this winter, visit [insulationtaxcredit.ca](http://insulationtaxcredit.ca).

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## Home energy audit can save cash

With the colder months just around the corner, now is the time to find easy ways to save money.

Performing a simple home energy audit can help cut costs by pinpointing the places where a house is losing energy, identifying ways to conserve hot water and electricity, and evaluating the efficiency of the home's appliances and heating and cooling systems.

Below are the steps to conduct a home energy audit, courtesy of Sue Rainville, director of marketing for Hunter Douglas:

### Locate that leak

Window frames and doors are obvious sources of drafts. Check electrical outlets, switch plates, baseboards, fireplace dampers and wall or window-mounted air conditioners for spaces. Look for gaps around pipes, faucets and mail slots. Apply caulking and weather stripping where needed.

### Look to your furnishings

"Windows are rightly called the 'eyes' of a home, yet they are also energy holes through which heat can escape," said Rainville. Help protect your home with shades that can reduce heat loss at the window by up to 50 per cent.

### Attics and basements

In cold weather, air leaks in the attic act like a chimney, drafting expensive heated air upwards and sucking cold air into the



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rest of the home. Large gaps are also often found around plumbing pipes, light fixtures, chimneys and soffits. Ensure openings for items such as pipes, ductwork and chimneys are sealed with expanding foam caulk.

### Step outside

Insulation needs to work both inside and out. Check areas where two different construction materials meet, such as the foundation and the exterior brick or siding. Look for cracks and holes in the mortar,

foundation and siding, and seal them with the appropriate material.

Using these tips, consumers can learn how to conduct a home energy audit on their own, just in time for those cold winter months.

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## Allure now LaCrosse

The redesigned Buick Allure will be renamed the LaCrosse in Canada, using the name that has been used in the U.S. The Allure name was originally chosen for the Canadian model, as LaCrosse could be misconstrued as a slang term in French. CANADIANDRIVER.COM

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# A Legacy of excellence

## Updated Subaru sedan takes careful aim at mainstream

MARK ATKINSON  
for Metro Canada



There's just something about Subaru that doesn't appeal to the general public. That's fine for company fans, though, who appreciate the rally history, turbocharged performance and all-wheel drive. When trying to build sales, though, sometimes you have to broaden your sights.

That worked for the 2009 Impreza, whose softening drew cries of criticism from the Subaru faithful, but also drew 50 per cent more sales.

Now it's the 2010 Legacy's turn. It takes careful aim at the mainstream, targeting the Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry. In an effort to bring its size in line with its Japanese rivals, Subaru stretched the sedan

in every direction. The increased space is aimed at improving cabin room while easing access to the rear seats.

The second row went from cramped to comfortable, thanks also to sculpted front seat-backs and longer rear doors that widen the gap available to climb in.

The all-wheel-drive Legacy is powered by a familiar mix of boxer engines, ranging from a 170-hp 2.5-litre SOHC through to the turbocharged 265-hp 2.5-litre DOHC version in the hot-handling GT.

The mid-level six-cylinder is now 3.6 litres, and delivers 256 hp. For those concerned with protecting the environment without resorting to expensive hybrid or diesel alternatives, the Legacy PZEV (Partial Zero Emissions Vehicle) is still available.

The 2010  
Subaru Legacy



The biggest news for 2010 is Subaru's new continuously variable transmission (CVT) that re-

places a traditional automatic on 2.5i and PZEV models. It uses a chain rather than a belt to deliver greater efficiency, which translates to better power delivery and increased fuel economy.

On the road, the Legacy handles all conditions with aplomb, and is probably the best handling in the class. The steering is light, but direct, the body is con-

trolled in corners, and it feels rock-solid on high-ways and backroads.

Style-wise, the new Legacy blends many current styling cues floating around the market to create a handsome if slightly forgettable design. You'll find bits of Infiniti, Lexus and Saturn in the crisp sides and arched rooflines.

Thankfully, Subaru keeps its traditional tall green-

### 2010 Subaru Legacy

**Type:** Four-door sedan  
**Price:** from \$23,995  
**Engine:** 170-hp 2.5L SOHC to 265-hp 2.5L turbocharged DOHC

#### Highlights

- Increased space
- Less expensive than before
- PZEV model available for the green driver

house that's easy to see out of.

The cabin falls into the generic-modern segment. Cover the badges and you could be in a Mazda, Hyundai, Suzuki ... The materials are a step up from before, and the equipment on hand is in line with the class.

The front seats are comfortable, and every Legacy now includes tilt and telescoping steering.

Subaru's other priority is to offer a better deal to customers, which means significant price cuts: \$3,000 less on entry level models, through \$2,000 on the top-of-the-line GT.

The new 2.5i starts at only \$23,995 with a generous level of standard equipment. The PZEV is next at \$26,395 with standard CVT and 16-in aluminum wheels.

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# New steam car record

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# Fuel from your home

I was reminded of an emerging automotive trend while re-watching Woody Allen's 1973 film, *Sleeper*. The film depicts life in 2173, and one of the more interesting appliances people have then is the Orgasmatron.

It looks like a small, round closet, and people go in there, either singularly or as a couple, to quickly and cleanly fulfill a function its name suggests.

This got me thinking about another home-based device that will also surely be part of our future — and one that even sort of looks like the Orgasmatron. Of course, I speak of home-based automotive refuelling sta-

tions.

Some examples are here already and many more are coming, because the way we energize our homes and the way we energize our automobiles seem to be converging.

Electric cars can already be recharged on home cur-

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Michael Goetz

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rent. In the years ahead, we're sure to have high-voltage outlets that are designed specifically for recharging

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tric car batteries. And if you got a super green house plastered with solar panels, and have surplus electricity, you'll want to make sure this nice, clean juice

gets into your car somehow.

Lots of automakers are putting R&D money in home refueling initiatives, but none more than Honda.

It has operated an experimental Home Energy Station in Torrance, Calif., since 2003. The station uses a fuel cell to generate hydrogen from natural gas, to provide heat and electricity for the home, and for fueling a hydrogen-



Honda's MCHP units are like little hybrids for homes, generating cleaner electricity for both houses and cars.

powered fuel-cell vehicle.

But I think Honda's neatest such device is the MCHP (for Micro-sized Combined Heat and Power-cogeneration). It's basically a little hybrid for your basement.

Natural gas powers a small engine, that runs a generator that makes electricity (just like Chevy Volt).

The MCHP is paired with a

furnace or boiler to generate heat, and up to 1.2 kilowatts of electricity, which could displace the electricity that a homeowner would otherwise have to buy off the grid. Honda says a typical house could see a 30 percent reduction in fuel costs.

Honda has sold over 50,000 of these units in Japan since 2003, and is now selling them, for about 10 grand each, in a few states in the U.S. Northeast.

No silver bullet. But maybe another piece of the puzzle.

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# Travel



## Surf's up Vancouver

In professional surfing, it's all about big waves — and the big prize. Come fall, Tofino, on Vancouver Island's wild west coast, will set the scene for Canada's first-ever pro surfing competition (Oct. 25 to 31). More than 100 professional surfers will hit the beaches, gunning for points during this World Qualifying Series. The competitor that secures the most marks throughout the series will take home the \$145,000 purse. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## New England crimson

When it comes to autumn colour, New England's reputation is five-star.

"I have never heard any New Englander say, ever, 'I must go to the Rockies to see fall colour.' No. We wait until winter to see the powder snow for that trip," said Yankee magazine editor Mel Allen.

Here's a fall foliage smackdown, with recommendations for places to go leaf-peeping in the Northeast's king crimsos:

• **Connecticut:** Route 169 is described by Yankee senior editor Polly Bannister as "one of New England's prettiest country roads" as it runs through 50 kilometres of Connecticut farms and fields. "In autumn, this National Scenic Byway is at its best: a gentle land-



This file photo shows leaves beginning to change color on the Swift River along the Kancamagus Highway in Albany, N.H.

scape of trees and stone walls glides its way through historic towns from Woodstock to Lisbon, all with a backdrop of brilliant foliage in a palette of red, orange, gold, yellow and russet," Bannister said.

• **Maine:** "Begin in

Rangeley, Maine, forcing yourself to leave the lake-studded town, and head north on Route 16, then follow Route 27 through Kingfield, then along the Carrabassett River to Sugarloaf Mountain," suggested Allen, the Yankee editor. "In this 45-mile or so

drive, your mouth will drop at least a dozen times, and no more so as you wind around what locals call 'Oh My Gosh Corner' and the mountain appears as if dropped from the sky."

• **New Hampshire:** The Kancamagus Highway, which runs between Lincoln and Conway, N.H., on State Route 112, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. "With no houses, no restaurants, not even gas stations, the Kancamagus Highway is all about breathtaking panoramic views of the White Mountain National Forest, particularly from the height of land at Kancamagus Pass," said YankeeMagazine.com editor Barbara Hall.

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**Disney brings back Jackson film**

Michael Jackson is to be honoured at Disneyland. The theme park is considering bringing back Captain EO, a 17-minute 3-D movie starring the late King of Pop which was originally shown at the venue in the '80s and '90s. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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# Entertainment

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## Hottest Torso

Daniel Craig has been voted Hollywood's Hottest Torso in a love-film.com poll for the scene in *Casino Royale* where he emerges from the ocean wearing a pair of tiny blue swimming shorts. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

## Reviving The Beatles

Fab Four's catalogue digitally remastered for first time

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**Pop music comes and goes. What's hot now will surely not be in a couple of years. Unless, of course, it's by The Beatles.**

Forty years after the Fab Four folded, their popularity continues to cross all age groups. Recent polls show they appeal to a greater cross section of generations than any other artist — more than Sinatra, Elvis, or even Michael Jackson.

So mark today as something of an historic occasion — the day EMI releases the Beatles Remasters, a box set containing the band's complete original works, digitally remastered for the first time. These albums are what the folks at

EMI call "the core catalogue."

They've made the date easy for us to remember — 9-9-09 as in "... Number Nine, Number Nine, Number Nine."

Besides offering a bigger, brighter sound, the digital remastering represents the first step in making Beatles music available for download to your iPod. Negotiations continue on that big-money deal, but it's only a matter of time. First they've got plastic to peddle.

Sales will be brisk. Pre-orders for the coveted mono version have already sold out on Amazon.com. Sug-

gested list price for the stereo version is \$293.79, but major retailers will offer it at closer to \$190. If that's too steep, you can still purchase the CDs individually. (To draw in the kids, a Beatles edition of the Rock Band is also being released, at a price of about \$250.)

The box set contains all of the Beatles LPs as originally released in England, plus the American version of *Magical Mystery Tour* with its five added singles. There's a double disc called *Past Masters*, a compilation originally issued in 1987 containing 33 singles never placed on albums. The set also includes

a documentary DVD, as well as mini-docs embedded in each CD.

For true aficionados, there's an alternative box available with the first ten discs remastered in original mono, the way they were first mixed by producer George Martin. That's priced \$30 to \$60 more.

So does "remastered" sound better? Well, yes and no. It's cleaner, fuller, more immediate. Highs are higher and lows lower. Some clicks and pops were removed, but always with the integrity of the original in mind.

The vocal separation is extraordinary. Check out the "oohoos" in *Fixing a Whole*. The guitars of John



Recent polls suggest that The Beatles appeal to a greater cross section of generations than any other artist.

and George come through so big and bright they listen, while Paul's adventurous bass lines are revealed like never before on tracks such as *And Your Bird Can Sing*.

Ringo's innovative cadence on tracks like *Ticket To Ride* comes through loud and clear.

Sometimes, however, the clarity works to distraction. The opening chord of *Hard Day's Night* has never rung truer, but the incessant cowbell on *I Should Have Known Better*, and the bongos on *Ticket to Ride* were

better lost in the mix.

And there's those little things that you may not have noticed before, like John's yawn on *I'm Only Sleeping* and his "bye-ee" at the start of the Sgt. Pepper's reprise.

The true value to this remarkable box set, however, is the fact that it's all there ... in one place ... to be savoured. Thirteen wondrous albums over just seven years, each one a creative breakthrough.

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Thanks to the help of a surrogate, The Young and the Restless star Michelle Stafford — who plays Phyllis Summers — is expecting her first child this December. **PEOPLE.COM**



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# 9 remarkably uplifting

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**Director:** Shane Acker  
**Stars:** Elijah Wood, Jennifer Connelly  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** ⓈⓈⓈ

**NED EHBAH**  
for Metro Canada

**REVIEW** With more and more computer-animated films coming out each year, it's easy for a non-Pixar entry to get lost in the shuffle.

Hopefully such a fate will not befall Shane Acker's debut, 9, the feature adaptation of his Oscar-winning short about a band of scrappy burlap dolls-come-to-life fighting against frightening contraptions that are all that's left of the war between men and machines. (The machines won, by the way.)

Like the little burlap refugees, the film itself comes off as scrappy, full of gumption. By focusing on characters less than a foot tall, it forces the audi-



#9 (voiced by Elijah Wood), #7 (voiced by Jennifer Connelly), and #5 (voiced by John C. Reilly) face peril in Shane Acker's epic adventure fantasy 9.

ence to see the world from a much different vantage point, where much of our cast-off scrap can come in handy: Exact-o knives as sabers, headlight bulbs as torches.

And in the wreckage of an apocalyptic war, there's plenty of scrap to go around.

The addition of vocal talent doesn't always completely gel with the action. (The original short was dialogue-free.) And while the

cast, including Elijah Wood, Jennifer Connelly and John C. Reilly, is quite game, something about the end result seems lacking.

Maybe it's the fixed expression of wonder on the dolls' faces, due mostly to their permanently wide metal eyes. No matter what they're saying, they always look kind of like simpletons.

But none of this ruins the film, which packs a lot

## Screentimes

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- South Keys: Wed-Thurs 11:10-1:20-3:30-6:30-8:40
- Gloucester SilverCity: Wed-Thurs 12:25-2:40-5:15-9:40
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of action and exploration into a very swift running time. And while the main goals of the patchwork heroes might get muddled, their spirit shines through. For something set in the charred wasteland of the fall of man, it's remarkably uplifting.

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## critics'corner

### South Park

The premise is clever — a "Night of the Living Dead" parody with homeless people instead of zombies — but the execution of this episode leaves a lot to be desired. A half-hour episode needs more than one joke to carry it, and you'll quickly tire of the homeless hordes calling out for "Chaaaaange! Chaaange!" When you're watching "South Park" and repeatedly consulting the clock to see if it's close to being over, something's wrong. 9:30 PM on 46 COM



### The Tudors

Someone send her a copy of "He's Just Not That Into You." There just isn't a lot of security in being hooked up with Henry VIII, as Anne Boleyn (Natalie Dormer) discovers once again when the king (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) makes his newest love interest, Jane Seymour (Anita Briem), a lady in waiting. Later, when the king is injured in a jousting match, everyone starts thinking about his successor — and he still lacks a male heir. 9 PM on 8 CBC

## Brown, Cole join Jackson tribute

**MUSIC** Mary J. Blige, Chris Brown and Natalie Cole will be among the top artists performing at a Sept. 26 Michael Jackson tribute concert in Vienna, organizers said Tuesday.

But they left open the possibility that major stars such as Madonna might still be part of the show, which will take place outside a 17th-century palace in the Austrian capital.

"Just hold your horses!" Jackson's brother Jermaine told reporters at a packed news conference in Vienna's city hall.

Event promoter Georg Kindel said that up to 25 performers are expected to participate in concert, which is being billed as the main global tribute for the King of Pop, who died June 25 in Los Angeles.

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## Kenya'sStyle

**Kenya Hunt**  
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**Fashion world repercussions**

Victoria Beckham is reportedly devastated after learning she won't be gracing the cover of U.S. Vogue — because she has already posed for the magazine's main competitor, Elle, femalefirst.co.uk reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



**Celebrity Buzz**

# Nicole ready to pop?

**ANY MINUTE NOW** Nicole Richie is ready to pop. The former reality star, who is pregnant with her second child with Joel Madden, reportedly checked into a Los Angeles hospital last week after attending a memorial service for ex-boyfriend DJ AM, according to Hollyscoop. Richie's due date is reportedly some time in early September.

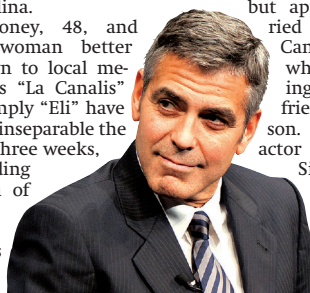


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# That's amore: George's Italian fling

**NEW GIRLFRIEND** His hand still bandaged from a moping accident last month, George Clooney was spotted arriving in Venice Monday sporting something that's all the rage in Italy — TV presenter Elisabetta Canalis, people.com reports.

The day before the premiere of his movie, Men Who Stare at Goats, the couple made a grand arrival at the Venice Film Festival following a water taxi ride across the city's lagoon, prompting Italian papers to gush over the pair as the next Brad and Angelina.



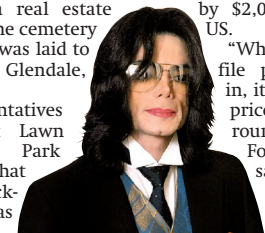
Clooney, 48, and the woman better known to local media as "La Canalis" or simply "Eli" have been inseparable the past three weeks, spending much of their time at his lakeside village in Como. Clooney was introduced to his new amore in Rome, but apparently carried a torch for Canalis even while still dating his then-girlfriend Sarah Larson. According to actor Alessandro Siani, who co-starred with Canalis in a 2006 Italian movie called

Christmas in New York, a mysterious car would follow Siani and Canalis every day after filming, when Siani accompanied her back to the hotel where they were staying. "One day I finally decided to go over and confront the occupants of the car. I went over and to my surprise, who was sitting in the car? George Clooney!" Siani told an Italian magazine. "This isn't a new fling."

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# Michael's new neighbours

**DESIRABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD** buried, plots surrounding Michael Jackson has his by \$2,000 to \$3,000 US. "When a high-profile person comes in, it can affect the prices of the surrounding plots," a Forest Lawn rep said.



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# Jon and Kate's hate

**MARRIAGE GONE SOUR** Kate Gosselin didn't just steal a decade of estranged hubby Jon Gosselin's life — she also swiped his wedding ring, Jon claims. Jon, 32, blasted his soon-to-be-ex on Good Morning America Monday in the latest of what's become a series of tirades, people.com reports. He also announced that he despises Kate, 34, who he says filled their many years of



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# Hilary's unexpected romance

**THE UNEXPECTED** After her nine-year marriage to Chad Lowe ended in 2006, Hilary Swank needed someone to lean on for support, and that person just happened to be her agent, popeater.com reports. Although initially there was "no spark" between the 35-year-old Oscar winner



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# Can Mischa feel the pump?

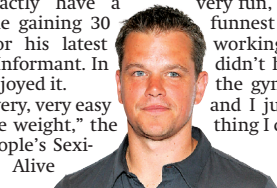
**NOT A GYM-RAT** Mischa Barton is having a hard time motivating herself to exercise, apparently. The actress was spotted outside a New York City gym recently looking anything but ready for a workout, according to Gatecrasher.



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# Matt gained weight with relish

**SECRET FATTY** Matt Damon told People. "It was very, very fun, probably the funnest time I had working because I didn't have to go to the gym after work and I just ate everything I could see."



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# Jennifer knows best

**RELATIONSHIP GURU** Jennifer Aniston has had plenty of experience with relationships, so she feels more than qualified to dish out some advice. "Women complain that men don't do enough, but it's your own fault," she said in the Australian edition of Harper's Bazaar. "You train your



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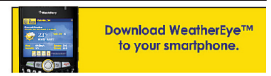
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**8 SIMPLE RULES**  
FOR DATING MY TEENAGE DAUGHTER  
9PM E/P

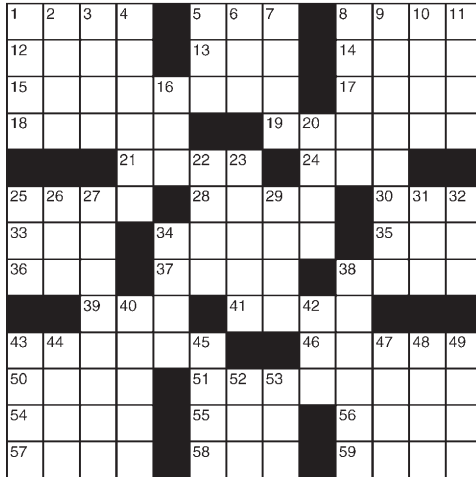
**WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU**  
9:30PM E/P

**MALCOLM IN THE MIDDLE**  
8PM E/P





## Take Five

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## ACROSS

1 Crease  
5 Prosciutto, e.g.  
8 Get bigger  
12 Petri dish stuff  
13 G-8 member  
14 Hayseed  
15 Ignorant  
17 On  
18 Rushmore face  
19 Potpourri pouch  
21 Paraphernalia  
24 12-Across, e.g.  
25 Wee bit  
28 Inlet  
30 Computer key  
33 Luau bowlful  
34 Done  
35 Knight's address  
36 Drone  
37 Antelope's playmate  
38 Catch sight of  
39 Early bird?  
41 Do what I say  
43 Billfold  
46 Gun the engine  
50 Neighbourhood

51 Bald  
54 Platter  
55 Einstein's birthplace  
56 Enrages  
57 Facility  
58 Petrol  
59 Pub missile

## DOWN

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2 Leer at  
3 Praise to the skies  
4 Flour-coat  
5 This and 32-Down are a big fuss  
6 Donkey  
7 Church service  
8 Dinnertime prayer  
9 Cruel  
10 Reed instrument  
11 Slobbered  
16 Caustic solution  
20 On in years  
22 Teen's woe  
23 Wild West show  
25 Speedometer stat  
26 Debtor's letters  
27 Eternal  
29 Trick or treat?  
31 Try the tea  
32 5-Down's partner  
34 Advantage  
38 Pupil's cover  
40 Candied  
42 Mess up  
43 Test the waters  
44 Met melody  
45 Hoodlum  
47 Miles of movies  
48 Addict  
49 "Hey, you!"  
52 Carte lead-in  
53 They're faster than e-mails

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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9	1	3	8	6	5	7	4	2

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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Peppered Fish with Lemon and Basil

## INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) vegetable oil  
1 onion, finely chopped  
2 red peppers, deseeded and thinly sliced  
2 yellow peppers, deseeded and thinly sliced  
6 oz (175 g) sugar snap peas  
1 lb (500 g) firm white fish fillet, skinned and cut into 1 1/2-in. (4 cm) chunks  
1 lemon, zest grated and juiced  
2 tsp (10 ml) mixed peppercorns, coarsely crushed  
1/4 cups (300 ml) frozen peas, thawed  
1/4 cups (300 ml) bean sprouts  
Small bunch fresh basil, finely shredded

## METHOD:

1. Heat wok or large frying pan over high heat and add 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil. Add onion and stir-fry 1 minute. Stir in peppers and sugar snap peas; con-

tinue stir-frying 3-5 minutes until vegetables are tender but still crisp. Transfer vegetables to plate using slotted spoon and keep in warm place. 2. Add remaining oil to wok and heat, then add fish and stir-fry over gentle heat 4 minutes (carefully turning chunks so as not to break them up) until fish is cooked through and flakes easily when tested with point of knife. 3. Add lemon zest, lemon juice and crushed peppercorns to wok. Return stir-fried vegetables to wok together with peas and bean sprouts. Heat through, stirring, 2-3 minutes. Scatter basil over top and serve at once.

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Moderation is a must today because with Mars, your ruler, under pressure in the emotional sign of Cancer you will find it difficult to stop once you start.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Someone you are not naturally close to will treat you like a long lost friend today. Should you be suspicious?

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Someone you meet while travelling or socializing will be a lot of fun and there is even a chance of romance if you are unattached.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

With Mars moving through one of the more positive areas of your chart this should be a highly productive time for you.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Your taste for luxuries may well get the better of you today, but that's OK as you need something to cheer you up.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You need to get over the idea that you can force other people to see things your way. It's not going to happen.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There is a danger that you could be a bit too casual today and let others get away with things they don't really deserve.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Cancer will bring some kind of challenge, but you are well equipped to deal with it.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

By all means help people in need today, but first make sure that they are deserving cases. Some individuals will try to make a buck or two.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Wishful thinking may be fun but it won't pay the bills or take you closer to your long-term goals.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

You don't have to back down in the face of provocation but look for ways you can be friends with people rather than enemies.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

As far as some people are concerned you can do no wrong. As far as others are concerned you can do no right. You cannot be friends with everyone.

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SEPT. 9, 1776: The Continental Congress officially names their new union of sovereign states the United States.  
SEPT. 9, 1914: World War I: The creation of the Canadian Automobile Machine Gun Brigade, the first fully mechanized unit in the British Army.  
SEPT. 9, 1956: Elvis Presley appears on The Ed Sullivan Show for the first time.  
SEPT. 9, 1993: The Palestine Liberation Organization officially recognizes Israel as a legitimate state.

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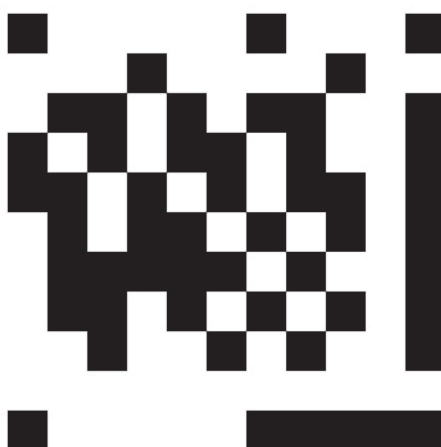
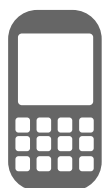
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